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Maintenance of law and order is a national competence. However, as the Commission set out in its reply to written question E-004924/2025¹, any use of force by law enforcement authorities should always be exercised in a proportionate manner.

Article 2 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union² states that everyone has the right to life. However, the Charter applies to Member States only when they are implementing EU law³.

It is the responsibility of national authorities and courts to ensure that national measures adhere to fundamental rights as provided for in their constitutional order, and in line with their European and international human rights obligations. In the case referred to by the Honourable Member, it is therefore for the German authorities to conduct independent investigations.

¹ https://www.europarl.europa.eu/doceo/document/E-10-2025-004924-ASW_EN.html.

² https://www.europarl.europa.eu/charter/pdf/text_en.pdf.

³ Please see footnote 2.